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SUBJ: WILDCAT STRIKE AND LOCKOUT AT BREMEN NEWSPAPERS WESER

KURIER AND BREMER NACHRICHTEN

1. ON JUN 2, AN UNEXPECTED WILDCAT STRIKE BROKE OUT AT THE
TWO BREMEN NEWSPAPERS WESER KURIER AND BREMER NACHRICHTEN.
THE OWNER AND PUBLISHER OF THE TWO PAPERS, HERMANN RUDOLF
MEYER, IMMEDIATELY LOCKED OUT THE WHOLE STAFF.

2. ON JUNE 3, UNDER POLICE PROTECTION AND WITHOUT INCIDENT,
MEYER DISTRIBUTED A LEAFLET TO THE SUBSCRIBERS ANNOUNCING
THAT THE TWO PAPERS MIGHT NOT REAPPEAR BEFORE NEXT TUESDAY,
JUNE 7. HE CLAIMED THAT A GROUP OF TECHNICIANS AND MEMBERS
OF THE DITITORIAL STAFF INSTIGATED THE WILDCAT STRIKE IN
ORDER TO "REACH A NEW AGREEMENT ON HIGHER VOLUNTARY PAYMENTS".
MEYER CALLED THE WILDCAT STRIKE "ILLEGAL", AND HELD THAT IT
WAS NEITHER SUPPORTED BY THE MAJORITY OF THE WORKERS OF THE
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TWO PAPERS NOR BY THE PRINTERS' UNION. HE ASKED THE SUBSCRIBERS
TO SHOW UNDERSTANDING FOR THE LOCKOUT. IN A FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BREMEN PRINTERS' UNION AND BUNDESTAG
DEPUTY, CLAUS GROBECKER, SPD, CALLED THE LOCKOUT ILLEGAL.

3. COMMENT: FOR THE MOMENT, WE HAVE LITTLE INFORMATION ON THE
BACKGROUND OF THE DISPUTE. BUT IT SEEMS THAT MEYER AGAIN

TRIED TO INCLUDE A PORTION OF THOSE PAYMENTS WHICH HAVE HITHERTO
BEEN "VOLUNTARY" ON HIS PART AND OVER AND ABOVE THE NEGOTIATED
INCREASE OF 6.6 PERCENT PROVIDED FOR IN THE LAST COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING ROUND, WHICH WENT INTO EFFECT IN APRIL 1977.

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